

VDCA Annual General Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 7, 2007

In Attendance:

16 members of the VDCA

Commenced:

John Wenman, chairman of the meeting in Mark Goodall's absence, welcomed members and called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Approval of the Agenda: Peter Wheaton made a motion to accept the agenda as outlined. Seconded by Mike Skene. Carried

Minutes:

The minutes were read by Rick Fletcher and a motion to accept the minutes was made by Sirish Patel and seconded by Peter Richardson. The motion was carried.

Treasurer's Report: Duncan Hollows distributed copies of the financial statements. The income statement showed a net loss of \$16,287.31 - \$10,000 of which was capital expenditures. Duncan fielded a few questions and a motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented was made by Peter Machin and seconded by David Geary. Carried.

Matters Arising from the Minutes: No matters arising.

Reports:

- 1) **Grounds Report:** Simon Heslop absent - no report was presented. It was generally agreed that the Beacon Hill grounds and St. Michaels University School grounds were atrocious this season. Oak Bay, Cowichan and Metchosin played very well. All club members are strongly encouraged to support spring work parties.
- 2) **Junior Development:** John Wenman presented a detailed report outlining the various junior activities taking place throughout the city. The programs (especially the Saturday Morning Cricket) are enjoying considerable success with the exception of the School Cricket program. Numerous volunteers were thanked for their participation as they make these programs possible. Tony Cordle expressed a desire to see a plan for the junior program from the VDCA instead of the ad hoc approach that has driven the program to this point.
- 3) **Midweek League Report:** Sirish Patel presented the Midweek League report. He reported on the tremendous success of this growing league. He expressed his, and the Midweek League's disappointment at the lack of a printed handbook this year as well as virtually no coverage by the local newspaper. Sirish also expressed disappointment at the embarrassingly poor hospitality demonstrated to touring sides ? often having to ask them to score or umpire their own games and not having an adequate tea provided. We must do better as an organization! John Wenman thanked Sirish for the hard work he has provided for both the Midweek and Weekend Leagues.

- 4) **Trustee's Report:** Brian Tetlow was absent, but he did submit a report. He indicated his willingness to continue to serve as trustee. John Wenman moved that Brian's report be accepted. The motion was seconded by Nigel Banks and carried. John Wenman moved that Brian Tetlow be retained as trustee for another year. Seconded by Mike Skene. Carried.

Election of Officers:

Peter Machin took the chair and led this portion of the meeting.

- 1) **First Vice President:** The nominating committee has put the name of Javed Khan forward. Seeing no other nominations, Javed Khan has been elected by acclamation.
- 2) **Treasurer:** Duncan Hollows two year term has come to an end but he has kindly offered to let his name stand for another term. No other nominations came from the floor. Duncan Hollows was elected by acclamation.
- 3) **Honorary President and Vice Presidents:** Pres. Rev. Gilbert Smith; V.P.'s Ron Heaps and Tony Fathers. Peter Wheaton moved that these names stand. Seconded by Peter Machin. Carried.

Peter Machin turned the meeting back over to the John Wenman.

Correspondence: Letter of apology from Andrew Richardson on behalf of the Alcos Cricket Club. Kindly received.

Questions/Comments:

1. Tanzil Rehman made some comments regarding the upcoming year for the Colts and their struggle for numbers. He suggested raising the eligible age for Colt players to 23 or 25. Tony Cordle voiced support for Tanzil's suggestion and noted how cricket in Victoria is different than most Commonwealth Countries.
2. Sirish Patel expressed concerns over umpiring and suggested this be given some serious consideration in the New Year.
3. Dave Geary expressed concern over the inadequacy of the nets protecting the tennis courts.
4. John Wenman noted the success of the year end banquet last week and highlighted Mark Goodall's plea for clubs to send a rep to executive meetings.

Next AGM: October 15, 2008

Adjourned: Motion to adjourn was made by Sirish Patel ? 8:24 p.m.